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SUBJECT: Visit to Geneva of Escapees and Refugees Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee - August 8-12, 1952

Senators Willis Smith, North Carolina, Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin, and Robert Hendrickson, New Jersey, of the Escapees and Refugees Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee visited Geneva from August 8 to August 12, 1952. They were accompanied by their wives and the following members of the staff of the Committee:

Mr. Richard Arens
Mr. William Arens
Mr. Drury Blair
Mr. Frank W. Schroeder
Mr. William Webster.

Their program for the visit is enclosed as is a copy of the press release of the Consulate General upon their arrival.

Consul General Ward was on leave during most of the period. Consul Oakley was in charge and responsible for the arrangements. Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell, Deputy Chief of the United States Resident Delegation, made the arrangements for meetings with officials of international organizations. Vice Consul Hill was the Control Officer.

The Sub-Committee expressed complete satisfaction with the assistance rendered them.

R.E. Ward, Jr.
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American Consul General

Enclosures:

Program
Press Release

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PROGRAM

ESCAPEES AND REFUGEES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SWITZERLAND, AUGUST 8 TO 12, 1952

Friday, August 8

8:08 Arrival Geneva by train from Paris
8:40 Breakfast at Hotel des Bergues
10:00 Visit to International Committee of the Red Cross
11:00 Visit to Mr. Hugh Gibson, Director, PICMME
12:30 Lunch by Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell, U.S. Representative for
International Organization Affairs, at Perle du Lac Restaurant
3:00 Visit to Dr. C.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, U.N. High Commissioner
for Refugees
6:00 Reception by Mr. Hugh Gibson, Director, PICMME, at Hotel des Bergues
Dinner (open)

Saturday, August 9

10:00 Visit to Mr. David Morse, Director General, International Labor
Organization
11:00 Visit to Dr. H.S. Gear, Acting Director General, World Health
Organization; and to Dr. Pierre Dorolle, Deputy Director General
12:30 Lunch (open)
2:30 Consultation at U.S. Government Offices:
 Mr. Edgar H. Chandler, Director, Field Operations, World
 Council of Churches
 Dr. Stuart W. Herman, Director, Service to Refugees, National
 Lutheran Council
 Mr. R.C. Baetz, Lutheran World Federation (Assistant to Dr. Herman)
 Mr. Harold Trobe, Deputy International Director, International
 Social Services
 Mr. Moses Beckelman, Director General, American Joint Distribution
 Committee
 Mr. James Rice, Geneva Representative, American Joint Distribution
 Committee
 Mr. Florian Piskorski, European Representative, American Polish
 War Relief
 Dr. T. Stark, Secretary, European Representative, American Polish
 War Relief
 Miss A. de Jaeger, International Rescue Committee
 Dr. Tracy Strong, General Secretary, World's Alliance of YMCA
 Mr. W.S. Kilpatrick, Swiss Representative in Germany, Austria
 and Trieste, World's Alliance of YMCA
 (The above are agencies represented on the Standing Conference
 of Voluntary Agencies which has no officers in Geneva)
 Mr. Georges Nilson, Under Secretary General, League of Red Cross
 Societies
 Mr. Jacques Montant, Assistant Director, Bureau of Organization,
 League of Red Cross Societies

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5:30 Cocktails at home of Consul and Mrs. R. Kenneth Oakley
7:30 Buffet Supper by Dr. C.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, U.N. High
Commissioner for Refugees

Sunday, August 10

10:00 Depart by Consulate General auto to Caux (Senators Smith and
and Hendrickson and their wives remained in Geneva).

Monday, August 11

In Caux (Senators Smith and Hendrickson and their wives made a five hour
visit to Caux).

Tuesday, August 12

1:00 Leave Caux for Geneva by auto
4:25 Leave Geneva for Rome by plane